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Military Information from Rakovnik and Knezeves.

1. Prior to January 1952, the Stefanik Barracks northwest of Rakovnik (Rakonitz N 51/L 28) quartered a motorized artillery unit. Other elements of this unit were stationed in a three-story building in Knezeves, 7 km northwest of Rakovnik. A unit, with trucks towing 12 guns of various calibers, was seen marching out of the Stefanik Barracks in October 1951. At least, 1,500 soldiers were lined up on the town square for an oath-taking ceremony for recruits on 28 October 1951. GMC, Skoda 706, Tatra 111, Praga RN and Aero 1.5-ton trucks were seen. In October 1951, there were five tanks with light guns with muzzle brakes and a four-wheel armored scout car at the barracks. The training area was about 500 meters west-northwest of the barracks, north of the road to Knezeves. [redacted] combined-arms training was conducted at the troop training grounds in Milovice (O 51/G 00). * 25X1
2. In March 1950, the construction of an ammunition depot started about 4 km south-east of the town north of the Chlum area. The well-camouflaged installation was located in a woods and was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence, more than 2 meters high. A guard house, 1 garage and 11 warehouses of reinforced concrete, about 50 meters long, were under construction. Each of these warehouses had one large room and two small ones and had a reinforced concrete ramp in front. The storing of ammunition began in January 1952. This ammunition arrived by rail on a spur track to the Stefanik Barracks and from there was trucked to the ammunition depot. [redacted] more than 150 railroad cars of ammunition had arrived.

Tank Unit in Beroun.

3. A unit, equipped with tanks, was stationed in Beroun (N 50/L 57) prior to November 1951. Columns of 100 to 150 motorized vehicles, including medium tanks, were repeatedly seen. **

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SNB Unit in Horni Slavkov.

4. Prior to August 1951, a hutment at the south exit of Horni Slavkov (Schlaggenwald N 51/P 68), east of the road to Krasno (Schoenfeld N 51/P 68), and an additional installation in the town center quartered an SNB unit of about 300 soldiers who wore ^{caps} with red bands. The unit had several jeeps and busses. The unit supplied guards for the penal camps stationed in that area and escort personnel for shipments of uranium ore. ***

25X1 * [] Comment. The elements observed were probably elements of the 1st Mtz Arty Regt of the 5th Mecz Div which, in April 1951, was reportedly located at the Stefanik Barracks, with headquarters and 1st and 2d Bn.

25X1 ** [] Comment. The 38th Mecz Regt is carried in Beroun. This regiment probably is the unit seen by source.

25X1 *** [] Comment. Elements of the Jerab SNB unit are carried in Horni Slavkov.

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